

Bow, NH

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County

Merrimack

Labor Market Area

Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region

Merrimack Valley

Planning Commission

Central NH Regional

Regional Development

Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 4

State Senate

District 16

State Representative

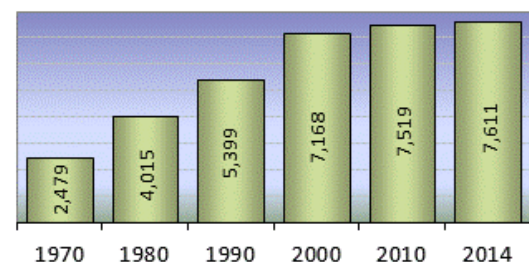
Merrimack County District 23

Incorporated: 1727

Origin: This community was one of several established in the Merrimack Valley to relieve population congestion in the seacoast. When drawn on a map, the line of communities formed a bow. There is also a bend in the Merrimack River within its borders, and the name Bow may have come from either source. Grants in this expansion were given to many prominent Portsmouth families, causing concern by residents of Rumford to the north, who objected to being hemmed in from the south, and protested to the English crown against extension of such colonization. Upon settlement of the dispute, Rumford was renamed Concord. Bow is the birthplace of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the First Church of Christ, Scientist and leader of the Christian Science movement.

Villages and Place Names: Bow Bog, Bow Center, Bow Junction, Bow Mills, South Bow

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 568 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Bow totaled 6,271 over 54 years, from 1,340 in 1960 to 7,611 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was an 85 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by a 62 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the population increased by at least 30 percent in the next two decades. The 2014 Census estimate for Bow was 7,611 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 270.2 persons per square mile of land area. Bow contains 28.2 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen/Town Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016-2017		\$13,303,716	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017		\$27,223,760	
Zoning Ordinance		1955/16	
Master Plan		2004	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; Trust Funds; Library		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Ambulance Oversight; Business Development; Heritage; Recycling; Drinking Water Protection; Capital Improvement Plan		
Public Library	Baker Free		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Full-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord		4 miles	237
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Unitil; Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier		Municipal; Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal & private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary - Curbside	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint; Dunbarton Telephone	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.54	
2015 Equalization Ratio		93.6	
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.15	
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		66.4%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		14.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		19.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2010-2014)	
Total Housing Units		2,818	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,640	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		40	
Five or More Units in Structure		131	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		7	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2014	7,611	146,880
2010	7,519	146,445
2000	7,168	136,716
1990	5,399	120,618
1980	4,015	98,302
1970	2,479	80,925
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014		
Population by Gender		
Male	3,854	Female 3,757
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		163
Age 5 to 19		1,909
Age 20 to 34		713
Age 35 to 54		2,414
Age 55 to 64		1,337
Age 65 and over		1,075
Median Age		45.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		94.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher		49.1%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2010-2014)		
Per capita income		\$42,160
Median family income		\$113,447
Median household income		\$105,266
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$87,857
Female		\$53,904
Individuals below the poverty level		3.8%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	4,177	4,374
Employed	4,067	4,230
Unemployed	110	144
Unemployment rate	2.6%	3.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,351	1,329
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 878	\$1,045
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,398	2,044
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 857	\$ 984
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,749	3,373
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 867	\$1,008
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	507	457
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 682	\$ 890
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	3,256	3,830
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 839	\$ 994

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Bow operates grades K-12**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center**

District: **SAU 67**
 Region: **11**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K R 1-4
Total Enrollment	424	505	587	41

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law; Southern NH University**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **8** Total Capacity: **461**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
The Grappone Companies	New, used vehicle sales & service	300	1924
Pitco/MagiKitch'n	Commercial cooking equipment	280	1918
R.S. Audley, Inc.	General construction contractor	175	1955
Public Service Co of NH	Electric utility	120	1960
Exel	State Liquor Commission Warehouse & Distribution	100	2013
Amoskeag Beverages, LLC	Beer wholesaler	75	2006
Structures Unlimited/Keller/Kalwall	Skylight systems	75	1968
Hampton Inn	Hotel	57	1990
Bovie Screen Printing	Industrial, commercial screen printing	40	1987
Blue Seal Feeds	Specialty commercial feeds	40	1886
Employer Information Supplied by Municipality			

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	3A, 13
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exit 1; I-93, Exit 12	
Distance	Local access; 1 mile	
Railroad	Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Concord Municipal	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	21 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		15 miles
Portland, Maine		107 miles
Boston, Mass.		65 miles
New York City, NY		262 miles
Montreal, Quebec		244 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2010-2014*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.4%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	8.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014

Working in community of residence	21.0
Commuting to another NH community	74.3
Commuting out-of-state	4.7

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak, Mount Sunapee
	Other: Indoor Soccer; Summer Concert Series